(*b*) the total amount collected by them in 1120;

(*c*) the total amount allotted to them by the Government in 1120; and

(*d*) the total amount spent by them in 1120?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 39.

	Rs.	Ch.	C.
(*b*)	24,338	18	11
(*c*)	11,189	0	0
(*d*)	15,385	13	15

Questions and answers.

158. * **Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of questions asked by the members of the Sri Chitra State Council after the last Budget Session;

(*b*) the number of questions admitted; and

(*c*) the number of questions answered?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: (*a*) 317.

(*b*) 313.

(*c*) 101.

Kanipattu lands in Neyyattinkara taluk.

159. **Mr A. N. Satyanesan**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how much work has been turned out, up to Medom 1120, by the persons engaged in the survey of Kanipattu lands in the Neyyattinkara taluk; and

(*b*) for what period more the services of the special survey staff would be required?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: (*a*) 5108 acres were surveyed and 2435 encroachment cases detected.

(*b*) The services of a special survey staff consisting of 1 special Revenue Supervisor, 1 Surveyor, 2 Accountants and 10 chainmen will be required till the end of Dhanu 1121.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: സർ, ഈ സ്പെഷ്യൽ സ്റ്റാഫിനെ നിയന്ത്രിക്കുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ ആരാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: താലൂക്ക് തഹശീൽദാരുടെ നിയന്ത്രണത്തിലാണ് നടക്കുന്നത്.

Insurance premium for the safe transport of food grains.

160. * **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are paying any insurance premium for the safe transport of food grains by coastal shipping;

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(*b*) if so, with which company they have insured them and in whose name;

(*c*) what is the total amount paid in 1118 and 1119 on insurance of food grains: and

(*d*) whether any other Government or Native States have insured their food grains as this State has done?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Food Supplies*):

(*a*) Food grains carried by steamers were being insured against marine risks. But the practice has recently been discontinued.

(*b*) The insurance is effected by the Shippers with various companies.

(*c*) Figures will be collected.

(*d*) Yes.

Purchase of local paddy.

161. *** Mr. K. C. Chandy** (*Thodupuzha cum Meenachil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the general principle on which the purchase of local paddy is declared to be made, has been modified since the date of the Press Note dated 1st September 1943; and

(*b*) if so, what were (i) the reasons which induced Government to make the modification; and

(ii) the modifications introduced?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) No.

(*b*) (i) and (ii) Do not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

Purchase of paddy from land holders.

162. ***Mr. K. C. Chandy**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have issued any directions to Purchasing Officers that paddy as per the Settlement Pattom must be purchased from every field irrespective of any consideration whether the land holder or the cultivator has any excess after meeting his minimum requirements for his bonafide domestic consumption;

(*b*) whether they are aware that Purchasing Officers are making purchase of paddy as indicated in part (a) above;

(*c*) whether they have received representations pointing out the inequity of such a system of purchase and what action they have taken on the same;

(*d*) whether the Purchasing Officers are not allowing the cultivators of large paddy fields to retain the quantity of paddy needed for their annual domestic consumption; and

(*e*) whether it is their policy to make a discrimination in favour of owners and cultivators of large areas of paddy fields?

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